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Yasushi SHIGEMORI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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Application No.: 09/989,526 ) Examiner: Teresa E. Strzelecka  
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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING DNA )  
POLYMORPHISM APPLYING )  
TRIPLE STRAND DNA )  
FORMATION TECHNIQUE )

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enclosed.

**U.S. PATENTS**

1. Shigemori et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,541,226, issued April 1, 2003.

The document listed above — the '226 patent — issued from Application Serial No.  
09/549,949. The '949 application was previously cited to the Examiner in the Information  
Disclosure Statement filed on September 9, 2002. However, since the '949 application has  
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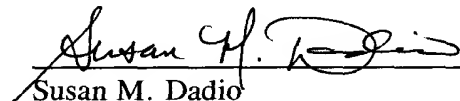
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Respectfully submitted,

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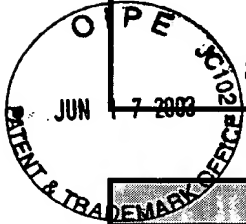
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